

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

KAZUNORI NAKAMURA, ET AL. : ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE

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FOR: NOVEL MIXTURES FOR ASSAYING NUCLEIC ACID, NOVEL METHOD OF ASSAYING NUCLEIC ACID WITH THE USE OF THE SAME AND NUCLEIC ACID PROBE TO BE

USED THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Communication dated December 19, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.